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- September 28, 1961
- Letter from Raymond McNerney (son of local landowner) to Missouri Conservation Commission (MCC) requesting investigation of pollution in Spring River.

° October 9, 1961

- Letter from MCC to Missouri Water Pollution Board (MWPB).
- ° October 23, 1961
- Letter from MWPB to the Hoffman-Taff Company (H-T) investigate source of pollution, similar to past pollution problem at H-T plant in Wilson Creek at Sprinfield, Missouri.

March 25, 1965

 Letter from MWPB to H-T stating a permit will be required for waste discharge into Spring River.

April 2, 1965

- Letter form MWPB to H-T requesting schedule for pollution abatement and permit application submission.
- ° October 15-17, 1966
- Opened "Syntex" Trench #1.

° April 5, 1967

Closed "Syntex" Trench #1, opened
 Trench #2.

August 7, 1967

- Letter from MWPB to H-T requesting time schedule for abatement of pollution.
- November 10-13, 1967
- Closed "Syntex" Trench #2, opened Trench #3.

° May 1968

- Hoffman-Taff starts producing herbicide orange for military. Detection limits 0.1 ppm dioxin.
- November 21-22, 1968
- Closed Syntex Trench #3.

° February 1969

- Hoffman-Taff discontinues herbicide production.
- ° April 9-16, 1969
- Opened "Syntex" Trench #4.

° July 3, 1969

- Nitine agreement with NEPACCO to buy 1,000,000 lbs hexachlorophene the first year.

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- November 18, 1969
- ° December 1969
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- April 15, 1970
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  - ° October 6, 1970
  - ° October 13, 1970
- ° December 9, 1970
- January 21, 1971
- February 9, 1971
- ° February 16, 1971
- March 23, 1971
- ° March 26, 1971
- ° April 1, 1971

- NEPACCO leased "orange" manufacturing:
   line.
- Syntex acquires Verona plant.
- H-T shipped final product (agent orange) to Kelly AFB.
- NEPACCO starts production, first batches TCP.
- NEPACCO completed first batch hexachlorophene.
- Opened "Syntex" Trench #5.
- NEPACCO ships still bottoms to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for incineration by Rollins Environmental Services.
- NEPACCO ships second load of still bottoms to Louisiana for incineration.
- NEPACCO ships third load of still bottoms to Louisiana for incineration for a total of 12,609 gallons.
- Memo, MWPB to office file, Black and Veatch still studying waste treatment system for H-T. Problems arose from trying to detoxify waste from NEPACCO.
- Letter from H-T to MWPB stating steps to eliminate seepage and overflow from lagoons. Discussion on NEPACCO's waste.
- Russell Bliss removes 3,000 gallons of still bottoms.
- NEPACCO fire.
- Letter from Missouri Division of Geological Survey and Water Resources to MWPB on lagoon survey and black tarry residue in open ditch resulting from March 23rd fire.
- Letter from landowner to MWPB requesting an inspecton of H-T because of information on midnight dumping of waste.

- April 1-8, 1971
- ° April 3, 1971
- ° May 10, 1971
- ° May 12, 1971
- ° May 20, 1971
- ° May 24, 1971
- ° May 25, 1971
- May 25 or 26, 1971
- May 28, 1971
- ° May 30, 1971
- ° June 11, 1971

- Closed "Syntex" Trenches #4 and #5.
- Office memo of MWPB on NEPACCO contacting Conservation Chemical Company for waste disposal.
- Memo of H-T on inspection of plant by MWPB on May 4, 1971, with itmes of concern, high BOD's, COD's, waste hexacholophene, ineffectiveness of waste treatment and seepage from lagoons.
- Memo MWPB on-site inspection of H-T and NEPACCO operations. Hexachlorophene spill, H-T sanitary treatment facility serves only as a holding basin.
- Russell Bliss removes 3,500 gallons of still bottoms. Truck ticketed as being overweight. Driver off loads a portion of waste on Bliss farm in Rosati, Missouri. All of 70 chickens died within next two weeks.
- Letter from Missouri Division of Geological Survey and Water Resources to MWPB indicating testing is being done on H-T lagoons.
- Bliss removes 3,000 gallons of still bottoms.
- Shenandoah Stables horse arena sprayed with estimated 2,000 gallons of still bottoms or still bottoms and oil.
- Letters from Geologic Survey to MWPB and H-T indicating that chemical tests were inconclusive and further studies to be done. Also checking S. B. Erwin's spring.
- Dead birds start to appear in Shenandoah.
- Bubbling Springs horse arena sprayed with oil-still bottom mixture.

June 14, 1971 Judy Piatt hospitalized at Missouri Baptist with severe headaches, swelled sinuses, varying blood presssure, blurred vision, inner ear swelling, lose of appetite, swelling of right gland of neck and overactive kidneys. June 14, 1971 Letter from CDC to MWPB reporting on contaminated spring on Mr. Erwin's farm. H-T memo, water quality analysis June 15, 1971 of spring on S. B. Erwin's farm indicated bacteriological pollution (total plate count 65 x 106 organisms per ml). June 16, 1971 Bliss sprays Timberline Arena with oil-still bottom mixture. June 23, 1971 Memo MWPB studies indicate possible leakage from lagoons to Mr. Erwin's springs. June 29, 1971 Letter from Geologica survey to MWPB, indicating Verona septic tanks should also be tested for leakage into Spring River. By first of July 1971 12 cats dead at Shenandoah. better s NEPACCO takes still (btooms) and July 1971 other TCDD contaminated material to Denney farm. By July 6, 1971 2 dogs dead at Shenandoah. July 30, 1971 Bliss removes 6,000 gallons of still bottoms. August 1971 Lori Piatt develops diarrhea and stomach pains in August 1971. August 3, 1971 Letter from landowner to MWPB indicating pollution source from H-T entering Spring River.

August 5, 1971

Postmortem on 2-year Appoloosa from Shenandoah Stables suggest

death caused by chemical intoxication.

August 10, 1971 Status report on dye tracing at Verona by Missouri Geological survey, although inconclusive, lagoon complex is suspect. About August 12, 1971 Andrea Piatt, daughter of co-owner of Shenandoah starts to develop medical problems. August 16, 1971 Letter from MWPB to EPA indicating problems in Spring River for past 2-3 years by H-T, steps being taken to allewate groundwater contamination. Contaminated soil from Shenandoah August 22, 1971 Stables placed in Highway 61 fill -Andrea Piatt hospitalized. August 24, 1971 First CDC report, Lincoln County Horse Arena, compatible with PCB intoxication. August 27, 1971 Dr. S. L. Nelson, Veterinary School, University of Missouri-Columbia, diagnosis on quarter horse from Shenandoah (Tiny Poco) is, "intoxication of unknown etiology." Andrea Piatt discharged from August 29, 1971 hospital. Memo, MWPB, samples of Spring September 1, 1971 River and Erwin farm spring with COD results (149 mg/l). September 8, 1971 Analytical Biochemistry Laboratories in Columbia, Missouri reports 125 ppm of Arclor 1242 (BCB) in Shenandoah soil sample. September 8, 1971 NEPACCO denied further use of lagoons on Syntex property for disposal of wastewater. September 9, 1971 Letter form H-T to MWPB, 1200 noon September 8, 1971, H-T will discontinue treatment of liquid wastes from NEPACCO. September 17, 1971 - Memo to MWPB from NEPACCO asked about feasibility of discharging waste to the Aurora STP.

o	September 20, 1971	-	Letter from NEPACCO to MWPB states that organic waste stream is being disposed of by incineration.
	September 27, 1971	-	Letter from MWPB to NEPACCO approving use of irrigation for the vacuum loop water.
•	October 4, 1971	-	Bliss removes 3,000 gallons of still bottoms.
•	October 25, 1971	-	Bliss removes last 3,000 gallons of still bottoms for total of an estimated 21,500 gallons.
•	October 30, 1971	-	National Oil and Supply starts trucking NEPACCO wastewater to Neosho Digester.
0	November 2, 1971	-	Reconnaissance of Spring and Elk River basins by EPA, pollution from H-T noted.
0	November 6-13, 1971	-	Entire "Syntex" trench area smoothed over.
•	January 10, 1972		NEPACCO makes last batch of hexacholorphene, total 328 batches of TCB and 611 batches of hexachlorophene.
٥	February 1972	-	Lori Piatt treated for similar symptoms as those of her mother.
o	February 8, 1972	-	National Oil and Supply completes removal of wastewater to Neosho Digester for a total of 225,000 gallons.
0	Spring of 1972	-	Jesse Orr, a Bliss employee, approaches Piatt and offers to sell information regarding the source of material sprayed on arena.
	April 1972	-	Hampel removes additional soil from Shenandoah Stable and places in slough adjacent to stables. Hampel hospitalized with severe headaches, blurred vision, loss of appetite, overactive kidneys, hot swelled kness
0	April 27, 1972	-	Autoposy on horse owned by Bliss suggests a chemical.

July 1972 Nitine, distributor of NEPACCO hexachlorophene taken over by American Cyanamid. Remaining hexachlorophene inventory sold back to NEPACCO. July 1972 Judy Piatt treated again for similar symptoms. Symptoms continue. August 1972 Contaminated soil removed from Timberline Stables and buried in a sanitary landfill near Jefferson City, Missouri. September 1972 FDA begins requiring new drug applications for all drugs containing 0.75% or more hexachlorophene and also requires that these drums be made available only by prescription. Drinkards move from Timberline. October 22, 1972 November 20, 1972 Bliss deposed on behalf of Hampel and Piatt. November 30, 1972 Dr. J. H. Evans, veterinary, deposed on behalf of Piatt and Hampel. March 21, 1973 Approximately 2500 to 5100 yards of soil excavated from Bubbling Springs horse arena, placed as fill at Minker residence and Vern Stout property. May 13, 1974 NEPACCO liquidates its assets sells inventroy to Winthrop and Givaudan. August 2, 1974 Internal CDC memorandums discuss identification of TCDD in Shenandoah samples and need for additional followup investigation to determine source of material. August 5, 1974 Divison of Health informs Bliss by letter of identification of TCDD and indicates they will be contacting him to examine records and oftermine source. August 8, 1974 Carter and Zack with CDC, Atlanta depart for St. Louis to assist Missouri Division of Health in TCDD investigation.

•	August 8 or 9, 1974	~	Phillips, Carter and Zack visit Shenandoah Stables, take soil and wood samples, new owners report no problems.
.•	August 9, 1974	~	CDC samples at Bubbling Springs.
0	August 10, 1974	~	CDC and State investigators visit Timberline Stable and take samples.
۰	August 12, 1974	<b>-</b>	CDC samples drainage from about 50 trucks and gravel at Bliss-Lindberg facility.
o	August 12, 1974	-	CDC samples Mid-America Arena, gorunds outside Mid-America and Bliss Contenac storage facility off of Lindberg Boulevard.
•	August 14, 1974		CDC samples Minker and Stout sites.
0	August 20, 1974	-	CDC contacts Defense Services Administration and learns that the Army had cancelled contract with H-T for production of 2,4,5-T and that presumably surplus chemicals were shipped to Kelly A.F.B., San Antonio
o	August 21, 1974	<b>-</b> ,	From Fike Chemical Nitro West Virginia, CDC learns that H-T may have a contract to distill 2,4,5-T.
•	August 21, 1974	-	In telephone conversation with Dr. John Davidson of Dow it is recommended that CDS confirm analysis through Dwo) or Dr. Oswald and Harold Ross with EPA.
o	August 22, 1974	-	CDC discusses situation with Dow Chemical which expresses interest in high concentration form Shenandoal and offers to confirm analysis.
	August 22, 1974	-	CDC contacts Rick Bugby, Syntex, Verona plant manager, learns that they made "herbicide orange" for the military and then NEPACCO started making hexachlorophene on same production line.

	August 22, 1974	-	Paul Niedner, Piatt's attorney, transmits to CDC list of witnesses and subpoenas, leit of palces where Bliss sparyed or dumped or picked up waste.
0	August 23, 1974	-	CDC request copy of hospital records of Andrea Piatt from Children's Hospital, St. Louis.
0	August 23, 1974		CDC contact Edward Michaels, President of NEPACCO. Michaels to check records and get back to CDC about who hauled wastes.
o	August 27, 1974	•	EPA cancels hearing on use of 2,4,5-T and TCDD because of inadequate detection limits for TCDD.
•	August 27, 1974	-	Hooker Chemical informs CDC that P their only purchaser of TCB in the Missouri area between 1968 and 1971 was NEPACCO.
o	August 28, 1974	<del>-</del>	Piatt recalls, in telephone conversation with CDC investigators, death of 48 horses and 6 mares which foaled out of 39 bred and a number of birth defects.
•	August 28, 1974	-	CDC learns in telephone conversation with Bill Ray that Bliss was hired to remove TCP still residues.
۰	August 28, 1974	-	Bliss recalls, in telephone conversation with CDC investigators, that he had hauled material form a company in the Springfield area. Did not recall name, remembered that material was heavy and had a very remarkable odor. Bliss indicated he would check records.
0	August 18, 1974	-	Law firm, representing Timberline horse owners, requests information from CDC.
٥	August 29, 1974	-	Clayton Chemical Co. in East St. Louis, tells CDC they purchased waste materials from Bliss for last three years.

	August 29, 1974	-	Michaels, President of NEPACCO, provides CDC with payment days for removal of still bottoms and wastewater by Rollins, IPC and National Oil and Supply.
•	On or about August 24, 1974	-	Samples are taken at Bliss farm in Rosati.
0	August 29, 1974	<b>-</b>	Mrs. Bliss contacts CDC to inform investigators Bridal Spur Hunt Club was actually oiled two days after Shenandoah was oiled.
٥	August 29, 1974	-	CDC interviews members of horse troop at Bubbling Springs.
o	August 30, 1974	-	CDC learns that IPC had subcontracted hauling of NEPACCO still bottoms to Bliss.
0	August 30, 1974	- -	CDC gets dates from Bliss as to when he hauled out still residues. Bliss reports material put into tank B-1 at Frontenac and that 90 percent was sold to Midwest Refinery and that M. T. Richards bought some.
•	August 30, 1974	-	CDC contacts National Oil and Supply in Springfield, Missouri and learns that they started trucking wastewater out of Verona to Neosho in the winter months of 1971-1972.
•	August 31, 1974	-	Phillips, Carter and Eklund interview Godfrey Moll and Bill Ray in Verona, take samples of still bottoms from tank.
•	September 3, 1974	-	In letter, Dr. Robson, Children's Hospital, expresses doubt about cause and effect relationship in Andrea Piatt's illness.
0	September 4, 1974	-	Memo of telephone conversation with Pat Phillips indicates that EPA Region VII informed as to TCDD being the cause of the horse deaths. Investigation still underway
•	September 4, 1974	-	CDC learns in telephone conversation that some of NEPACCO still bottoms went to Rollins Environmental in Baton Rouge.

- ° September 4, 1974
- CDC talks with Midwest Oil and Refinery and learns that they have bought salvage oil "almost daily" from Bliss.
- ° September 6, 1974
- CDC contacts M. T. Richards, owner of refinery in Crossville, to learn that the company purchased oil from tank B-1 and that sludge is put on roads near refinery.
- ° September 10, 1974
- Carter, Kimbrough and Heath of CDC discuss the NEPACCO investigation with Firestone of FDA express concern about tank of still residues still in Verona. Firestone reports NEPACCO July 1970 samples of TCP contained 0.5-ppb TCDD and PCB's.
- ° September 13, 1974
- Carter contacts Dr. C. W. Collier of EPA Office of Pesticides Programs regarding the state of TCDD experimentalton. Carter is given name of Dr. Harry Trask of EPA Office of Solid Waste Mangement as a contact regarding disposal of TCDD contaminated soil.
- ° September 13, 1974
- By letter, Senator Hart, Chairman of Subcommittee on the Environment, inquiries of secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare about the horse sparying episode.
- ° September 13, 1974
- Carter contacts Dr. Billy Welch, Office of Environmental Affairs, Pentagon who reports that the Air Force feels that half-life of TCDD in soil is about a year.
- ° September 16, 1974
- CDC contacts Dr. Gentzendancer with Dow Chemical Company regarding TCDD toxicity studies the company has been doing with sheep and cows. Dr. Gentzendancer reported no chemical illness or signs of toxicity.
- ° September 18, 1974
- Soil samples taken from roads around M. T. Richards Refinery in Crossville, Illinois - samples shipped to CDC, Atlanta.

On or about Secretary of HEW responds to September 23, 1974 inquiry by Senator Hart. September 24, 1974 Analysis of sample of residue from tank in Verona still pending. Piatt sends PHillips copies of September 24, 1974 records on horse symptoms and deaths. Greg Brown of IPC provides CDC ' September 25, 1974 with haul dats, invoice dates and volumes of waste hauled by Bliss one haul date not available. September 26, 1974 Hampel and Piatt file suit against Bliss, Signet Graphics, Syntex, Hoffman-Taff, NEPACCO and IPC for \$600,000. Godfrey Woss) determines there is about On or about September 27, 1974 4,300 gallons of still bottoms remaining in tank in Verona. September 27, 1974 CDC contacts Dow Chemical regarding proper methods for disposal of tank residue in Verona. Dow, stressing temperature and September 30, 1974 time, suggests incineration for tank contents in Verona and deep burial for tank. October 1, 1974 CDC discusses disposal methods for tank and contents with Wallen, EPA, Toxic Substances. October 2, 1974 Phillips transmits information provided by Piatt on horse symptoms and deaths to CDC. October 2, 1974 CDC in letter to Missouri Division of Health recommends incineration of tank contents in Verona and deep burial of tank (0) copies to Firestone (FDA) and Wallen (EPA). On or about EPA approves test burn for the October 11, 1974 incinerator ship Vulcanus. On or about Preliminary analysis of residue

October 25, 1974

samples from tank indicate 800 to

1,000 ppm TCDD.

On or about With TSCA and RCRA legislation October 20, 1974 before Congress, Senate Committee on Commerce requests additional information from CDC regarding horse arena incident. November 1, 1974 Bliss files cross-claim against Signet Graphics, Syntex, Hoffman-Taff, NEPACCO and IPC. November 1, 1974 Grizzle purchases Shenandoah Stables. November 18, 1974 CDC in telephone conversation with Phillips learns that neither Syntex nor NEPACCO have made any progress in disposal of tank and contents. December 10, 1974 Defendant, IPC, files answers to interrogations of Hampel and Piatt. Janaury 30, 1975 Dow confirms 32 ppm 2,3,7,8-TCDD in Shenandoah soil sample collected by Piatt in 1971 before excavation. February 7, 1975 Columbia Missourian in regard to the Minker site quotes Phillips as saying "Our standing recommendation would be that this soil be excavated and disposed of in a sanitary landfill. But I doubt that anything is going to be done at either of these sites..." February 12, 1975 CDC contacts Rollins Environmental regarding details of tank in Verona and follows up by letter February 14 with disugssions of hazard and recommendations for handling. February 24, 1975 Syntex press release indicating that 4,600 gallons of residue left in tank by NEPACCO contained 350 ppm dioxin. February 28, 1975 Carter and Kimbrough deposed in suit brought by Hampel and Piatt.

March 31, 1975

- CDC finalizes report for adminstrative use giving details of horse arena incident and recommending among other things, excavation of residential fills and incineration of tank contents. Report distributed to the following:

D. P. Rall, Director, NIEH, RTP, North Carolina

L. Plumlee, Medical Advisor, EPA, Washington

J. Finklea, Director, NIOSH, Rockville, Maryland

D. Donnell, Missouri Division of Health, Jefferson City, Missouri

P. Phillips, Missouri Division of Health, Jefferson City, Missouri

- Rollins Environmental declines to contract for disposal of tank contents in Verona. Pollution control in Shokopee, Minnesota contacted. At this time concentration of TCDD in tank estimated at 306 to 356 ppm.
- Bliss deposed on behalf of IPC.
   Bliss states he hauled last load for \$500 in a direct agreement with NEPACCO. Date not given.
- Browne of IPC deposed on behalf of Hampel and Piatt.
- Phillips sends report of horse arena incident to Morris Tucker, EPA, Region VII. Reptot states that TCDD in residential yard fills was detected in concentrations of 0.5 and 2 ppm. Shenandoah slough area and Mid-America Arena not mentioned.
- Regional EPA Amdinistrator writes letter to Senator Eagleton explaining status of tank in Verona and indicating that no federal agency has regulatory authority over the problem but stating that TSCA now before Congress would provide such authority.

- ° On or about April 17, 1975
- April 11, 1975
- April 11, 1975
- April 17, 1975

April 21, 1975

April 23, 1975

- Moll, vice-president Syntex, informs CDC that arrangements with Pollution Control for incineration of residues in Verona have been completed.

April 22, 1975

 Plumlee circulates CDC report of March 31 to following at EPA Headquarters:

Director, Office of Legislation

Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Legislation

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste Management Programs

Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division

Chief, Guidelines Branch, Hazardous Waste Management Division

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Program Integration

- Columbia Daily Tribune article indicates that Minnesota Pollution Control agency not aware until "last week" that Pollution Control, Inc. PCI was considering handling TCDD. MPCA may delay decision.
- Moll deposed on behalf of Hampel and Piatt.
- In-house, MDNR, memo, Eigner briefs Karch, Director, Division of Environmental Quality on TCDD situation including locations of excavated soil and progress toward incineration of remaining residue in Verona by Pollution Control, Inc. (PCI) in Minnesota.
- Bob Lindholm, Assistant Attorney
  General with Missouri Attorney
  General's Office, inquires of Ken
  Karch, Director, Divsion of
  Environmental Quality, about
  locating sites where TCDD contaminated
  soil was used as yard fill so that
  proper precautions can be taken.

- May 11, 1975
- May 16, 1975
- May 16, 1975

° June 11, 1975

° June 12, 1975

 Kimbrough, CDC Atlant, urges EPA via letter to des Rosiers to grant emergency recount for disposal of tank residue in Verona.

June 16, 1975

 Ocean Combustion Service, owner of Vulcanus, writes Phillips - provides specifications on miscellaneous aspects of handling 4,300 gallons of still bottoms in Verona.

June 23, 1975

- Barkley (Syntex) writes Phillips expressing reservations about having tank in Verona declared an imminent public health hazard to facilitate issuance of EPA emergency permits for disposal via incineration on the Vulcanus.

June 25, 1975

 Danforth, Missouri Attorney General, writes Russell Train, Administrator, EPA, urging an emerging permit for transport and incineration of Verona tank residues on board the Vulcanus.

° On or about July 14, 1975  Attorney General Danforth, Missouri, requests emergency ocean dumping permit for still bottoms remaining in Verona.

° July 22, 1975

- Robinson and Eigner of Misbeuri Division of Environmental Quality, in draft unsigned memo (with Phillips' concurrence) concludes excavation of residential fill is overly cautious because of TCDD half-life of one year and chance of human contact appears to be much less than those experienced at Shenandoah.

° July 25, 1975

 Hampel and Piatt file fifth amended petition dropping IPC, Syntex, Hoffman-Taff, and Signet Graphis from the suit and seeking about \$408,000 in damages.

August 4, 1975

- Phillips informs Baker, CDC, that Syntex plans to use the Vulcanus to dispose of thak residue arrangements are tentative. August 8, 1975

 Syntex files motion for dismissal of Hampel and Piatt suit against Syntex and Hoffman-Taff.

August 13, 1975

 Ocean Combustion Service writes Phillips - informs the company will not be able to handle 4,300 gallons of still bottoms.

August 27, 1975

- Michaels deposed in behalf of Hampel and Piatt.
- ° September 14, 1975
- Dr. Case writes Kimbrough to inform her that he has referred a Dr. Galeota, Director of Student Health at the University who has a female patient (unidentified) who worked for Bliss from February to April 1974, who developed symptoms similar to those of the younger Piatt girl.

- ° January 1, 1976
- Letter from Assistant Surgeon
  General to Senator Humphrey states
  that 3 firms in the U.S. have
  furnaces capable of destroying the
  Verona residue but that two (fothem
  have not been able to get permission
  from states to bring material in.
  The third firm has a portable
  furnace but is asking \$250,000 for
  disposal.
- September 29,1 976
- Commoner, B. and Scott R. transmit summary report of horse arena incident to Italian authorties.
   Copy to Rodger Williams, EPA, Washington.
- ° October 22, 1976
- Emil Lorz, former Hoffman-Taff employee, attests that these operating conditions which would result in a TCDD concentration of 330 ppm in still residues would be an unintended inadvertence and that such an event would be considered an accident in the chemical industry.
- November 6, 1976
- Circuit Court of Pike County, enters judgement of \$57,000 for Piatt and \$43,000 for Hampel against NEPACCO.

° February 9 1977

- At Frontenac facility Bliss transfers contents of tank B-l to B-5. MDNR gives Bliss permission to remove all tanks but B-5.

- April 19, 1977
- EPA begins federal cleanup action of chemicals and PCB's at a site in Dittmer, Missouri which Bliss was involved in. Cleanup, which cost in excess of \$515,000, continued through May 29, required 4,318 durms for containerization of contaminated soil.

° June 1977

 Pat Drinker (Timberline) undergoes physical examination at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York.

° April 1978

 Verona changed from individual spetic tanks to an oxidation ditch unit for sewage treatment.

Summer of 1978

- EPA collected water, sediment, and fish flesh samples 3 miles downstream from Syntex, with the exception of 2 phthalates all priority pollutant analyses were below detection limits.
- ° November 20, 1978
- Jay Edward Covert, Bliss employee, deposed on behalf of Hampel and Piatt.

February 1979

- EPA conducted OwM and NPDES inspection at the Verona Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Contained <0.5 ng/l 2,3,7,9-TCDD.

° March 30, 1979

- Two Bliss employees drive tank containing contents of B-5 from Frontenac to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for incineration.

° April 5, 1979

- Escorted by MDNR, Bliss takes 22 drums of solids from tank B-5 at Frontenac to Bob's Home Service in Wright City, Missouri.

° October 1979

- EAP rectaves anonymous phone call alleging other NEPACCO waste disposal sites in southwest Missouri. EPA conducts 2-week investigation, interviews 25 people and identifies three potential sites including Denney farm site, Syntex trenches and Baldwin Park. Begins assembly files on NEPACCO from various sources.

- ° December 5-6, 1979
- EPA/SVAN samples 3 municipal wells, 6 private wells in Aurora and mineshaft standing water in Baldwin Park, results negative for TCDD.
- January 7, 1980
- EPA samples drums on Crider farm.
- ° January 25, 1980
- Rollins Environmental by letter reports to EPA Region VII that they accepted 12,609 gallons of "chlognated hydrocarbons" from NEPACCO.
- February 12, 1980
- EPA circulates draft study plan for sampling investigation of Denney farm site.

° April 22, 1980

EPA initiates sampling investigation of Denney site.

° May 1980

 EPA/SVAN prepares and distributes contingency plan for Syntex TCDD reduction project.

May 19, 1980

- With EPA overview, Syntex begins TCDD reducition project for 4,300 gallons of NEPACCO still bottoms left in tank in Verona. Reduction exceeds 99 percent.

° June 20, 1980

- Wright State reports total TCDD in Denney site samples up to 319 ppm. EPA/SVAN initiates weekly sampling of private wells and surface waters around Denney site and using 311 funds puts temporary cap over trench. Ecology and Environment initiates engineering study. EPA enters discussions with Syntex Agribusiness.

- August 11, 1980
- EPA begins another week of investigation in southwest Missouri to followup on additional least and tips resulting from Denney site publicity.

August 15, 1980

 Syntex removes drums from Crider farm along with some hay, corn and potatoes.

August 15, 1980

- EPA inspects Rusha farm and collects samples of clay filter material and feed lot soil.

0	August 27, 1980		Confidential informant provides MDNR with information on activities of Russell Bliss.
. •	September 1980	-	Water and Wastewater School officials in Neosho, Missouri take sample of NEPACCO wastewater residue to Wright State for TCDD analysis.
0	September 12, 1983	-	Syntex enters into consent decree to clean up Denney farm site.
0	October 29, 1980	-	EPA/SVAN circulates to Regional Office status report on NEPACCO sites in southwest Missouri.
o	October 30, 1980	-	Michaels, President of NEPACCO, deposed on behalf of Piatt and Hampel.
0	November 18, 1980		Wright State reports 1.8 to 1.9 ppm total TCDD in Neosho sample of NEPACCO wastewater residue.
0	January 15, 1981		EPA/SVAN first learns aobut TCDD in Neosho from reporter.
0	January 19, 1981	-	EPA/SVAN assists school staff in cleaning up NEPACCO residue on campus - take samples.
•	March 5, 1981	-	EPA Regional Laboratory confirms TCDD at Neosho School.
•	March 23-25, 1981	<b>-</b>	EPA/SVAN assists school officials in putting cap over spill area which still has 63 ppb total TCDD. Residue moved to bunker. Syntex erects security fence around spillage.
0	April 1981	-	Runoff sample collected following precipitation at Baldwin Park. Results negative.
0	April 20, 1998	-	EPA/SVAN prepared summary report on NEPACCO sites including horse arena sites - briefs policy staff - requests guidance from Dioxin Task Force.

	May 21, 1981	-	EPA/SVAN collects samples from the bottom of the digester and adjacent trench at Neosho, Missouri.  Digester sample: 2,500 ppm 2,4,5-TCP 60 ppb total TCDD ppb
•	June 15, 1981	-	Syntex begins cleanup of Denney farm site.
0	July 28, 1981		EPA/SVAN samples filter material and soil on the Erwin farm. TCDD ranges from 6 to 8,700 ppt.
,	July 29, 1981	-	Completion of excavation at Denney farm site.
0	August 5,6,7, 1981	-	EPA collects environmental samples from the area surrounding the Neosho, Missouri wastewater treatment plant. Results negative.
	October 16, 1981	-	EPA/SVAN and Syntex officials meet with S. B. Erwin about TCDD on farm. Learn of likelihood of TCDD in Spring River fish.
o	October 28, 1981	-	EPA/SVAN briefs Dixin Task Force on Denney site and Spring River basin. Department of Agriculture also briefed.
٥	November 10, 1981		EPA/SVAN memo addressed lighthood of TCDD in Spring River fish.
o	November 16, 1981	-	EPA/SVAN and Missouri Department of Conservation collect Spring River fish.
۰	November 24, 1981	-	Syntex begins closure of Denney trench.
۰	December 8, 1981	<b></b>	EPA deposes John Lee, Vice president of NEPACCO.
0	December 15, 1981		EPA/SVAN reports preliminary data showing TCDD in Spring River fish.
0	February 19, 1982		Water and Wastewater School in Neosho, Missouri dissolved.
o	February 24, 1982	-	EPA/SVAN and Syntex take split composite soil sample from Denney site microbiological degradation basin.

March 9, 1982 EPA/ENSV finalizes plan for scope of site inspection at horse arenas and secondary sites. March 16-17, 1982 EPA/ENSV on-site reconnaissance of an open dump in Verona, Bill Ray site, samples collected - 160 ppb TCDD. On or about ENSV gets copies of CDC documents March 17, 1982 related to investigation of TCDD in horse arenas and secondary sites. March 22, 1982 EPA/ENSV releases preliminary draft report on Spring River investigation. March 25, 1982 State has public meeting to caution residents about consumption of Spring River fish. April 1, 1982 EPA deposes Edwin Michaels, President of NEPACCO. April 9, 1982 EPA conducts a metal detector survey at Syntex burn area. May 19, 1982 ENSV obtains warrants for sampling at Shenandoah and Bliss Rosati farm. May 30 - June 2, 1982 EPA collects 63 soil, water and sediment samples from horse arenas and fill areas where contaminated material was placed. June 2, 1982 Samples collected from Bill Ray farm site. 2 drums overpacked and taken to Syntex. June 21, 1982 First set of 10 soil samples from Shenandoah arena shipped to Wright State for TCDD anlaysis. Other samples to Regional Lab. June 24, 1982 Syntex submits proposal for sampling of Syntex trenches, burn area, lagoon area and irrigation area. Remaining 37 samples from horse July 14, 1982 arena investigation sent to Wright State.

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EPA/ENSV finalizes reports on Spring River and Rusha farm.

July 26, 1982 EPA/ENSV finalizes final report on Neosho, Missouri. August 3, 1982 EPA/ENSV transmits final reports on Spring River, Neosho and Rusha farm to ARWM. August 4, 1982 Regional Laboratory starts reporting TCDD results from horse arena investigation. August 16, 1982 EPA regional office conducts meeting on TCDD situation with representatives from Headquartes, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Division of Health, Federal Emergency Management Agency and CDC. August 18, 1982 TCDD data released to press. Bill Rice, David Wagoner and Dan August 30, 1982 Harris brief EPA/HQ. On or about MDNR, Division of Geology and Land Survey, conduct geologic inspection September 2, 1982 of Minker and Stout sites. reviews or receives ? September 2, 1982 ENSV reveives last of TCDD data from Wright State. On or about In ARWM, Art Spratlin superskedes September 15, 1982 Scott Ritchey as Regional TCDD Coordinator. September 17, 1982 ARWM requests ENSV follow-up investigation on list of 41 potential TCDD sites compiled from CDC documents. October 12, 1982 EPA Headquarters recommends 1 ppb TCDD analyticula detection limit. October 18, 1982 ENSV begins intensive sampling of Stout and Minker sites. October 26, 1982 ENSV finalizes rough cost estimates for various remedial responses at arenas and secondary sites. On or about EPA/HQ internal working documents

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on TCDD situation leaked to Environmental Defense Fund.

- ° October 28, 1982
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch list potential 40 sites from September 17, 1982, memo.
- ° November 16, 1982
- ENSV prepres a list of 75 Bliss sites for further investigation and briefs ARWM field investigators.
- ° November 30, 1982
- ENSV begins sampling streets of Times Beach, Missouri.